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Groundswell Notes and Action Items - from meeting 2/20/2013

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GROUNDSWELL: This meeting is about message synchronization, coalitional efforts and a 30 front war seeking to fundamentally transform the nation...

ACTION ITEMS from Feb 20 Groundswell

1. BENGHAZI - Edits to General Boykin's letter due by cob Thursday send to: w...@frc.org as we seek to distribute with signatures. (Boykin)
 - (1.) Press Conference - Gaffney to hold press conference on Monday, February 25, 2013 re: lingering questions on Benghazi, Islam, John Brennan (more)
2. SEQUESTER: CRS report provided: <http://www.federalbudgetreport.com/Budget%20Sequestration%20and%20Selected%20Program%20Exemptions%20and%20Special%20Rules.pdf>
 MESSAGE: **REPLACE (not STOP) Sequester**; focus on Obama's or Panetta's quotes on sequester impact on defense capabilities. Hill is only discussing this in terms of job losses but it is a much broader issue with a wider impact. Need help, suggestions to change the message. NOTE: No position taken on the alternative presented R idea of providing Obama *flexibility* in making cuts.
3. HAGEL and BRENNAN CONFIRMATION VOTES: GRASS-ROOTS and GRASS-TOPs calls needed to Senators asking they sign on to Cornyn's letter to POTTUS to withdraw Hagel nomination. [current signatories: Cornyn, Inhofe, Graham, Wicker, Vitter, Cruz, Lee, Toomey, Rubio, Coats, R. Johnson, Coburn, Scott, Risch and Barrasso]: Review letter here: <http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/02/21/GOP-Senators-Urge-White-House-to-Withdraw-Hagel-Nomination>

Hagel confirmation vote, Tuesday, February 26. Ask key senators to vote "no" on Hagel nomination. (**See 4 page info on Hagel attachment**) Target list for Tuesday cloture vote:

HAGEL:**Dems:**

Nelson – FI

Landrieu – LA
 Pryor – AR
 Hagan – NC
 Franken – MN
 Baucus – MT
 Begich – AK
 Johnson. T – SD
 Mark Warner – VA
 Tom Udall – NM
 Mark Udall – CO

GOP:

Alexander – TN
 Graham – SC
 McCain – AZ

BRENNAN vote, Calls to the following Senators of the Intel Committee are encouraged.

Rockefeller (WV)

Feinstein (CA), chair

Wyden (OR) - *Jewish and a Zionist. have heard from Israeli govt sources from the PM's office that Brennan is considered to be "pathologically anti-*

Israel"

Mikulski (MD) - *has very bad relations with Obama Administration and is treated very poorly by them*

Mark Udall (NM)

Warner (VA) --*Anyone know Chuck Robb?*

Heinrich (NM)

King (ME)

Chambliss (ret) (GA) - *hard to see leadership from*

Burr (NC) - *can be a no vote*

Risch (ID)- *can be a no vote*

Coats (IN)- *can be a no vote*

Rubio (FL)- *can be a no vote*

Collins (ME)- *can be a no vote*

Coburn (OK)- *can be a no vote*

NOTE: BLUE represents who is up in 2014.

4. ROVE Strategy – Continue efforts to educate conservatives to this real and present danger to our future success. Please help Ken Blackwell identify potential donors who need specific attention. **Tweet @rupertmurdoch** if you don't want to see Rove on FOX. **Tweet @ewerickson** on Rove
5. MIN WAGE –D organizing tool to reach low and middle-income vote. New working group forming with Dan Bongino and Mike Flynn to develop proactive efforts; identify FACES of our argument (I.E. It hurts those wanting FIRST JOBS). Bongino to contact the woman he met on minimum wage issue - farming community MD
6. WASTEFUL SPENDING: USDA Diversity Training video has more legs and potential for Govt Waste argument; congressional talking points, hearings, spending cuts, op eds [Tom Fitton]
7. GUNS: Star Parker holding press conference, Friday morning, February 22, 2013 on minorities and gun. Opportunity in Salazar comments in the House for op ed's, social media! Comments posted in Malkin article: <http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/341084/disarming-american-women-michelle-malkin>
8. CANDIDATES: Need to identify, recruit and support OUR OPTIMAL Senate candidates now, based on Andy Roth's presentation. IA, GA, NE, WV, LA. For the bold amongst us, potentially primary challenges in SC, TN, KY and KA. House races to watch are: MO-8 (Emerson's) and SC-1 (Tim Scott's) where March 9 is primary election, April 2 will be a run-off if needed and general election is May 7. Reality, we are already behind.
9. GAP of REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP: how do we tell them they are failing their base; will lose in 2014 unless they fight for principles (as opposed to show disdain for them and accommodate Obama; O is dividing Rs and they seem clueless); IDEAS NEEDED!
10. CR coming (ends March 27): Leadership is inclined to ask for little to nothing now.
11. BOLTON – Republicans in office, and conservative leaders, need to understand and discuss national security risks more; people are not remembering the risks and our enemies! Nuclear proliferation front is a larger vulnerability than people are focusing on – (**See Bolton OPED - WSJ Doc Attachment**)
12. NEED WORKING GROUPS for division of labor for 30 front war (Ginni to seek out/discuss); seek volunteer leaders or team-players on various fronts. Expectation: Teams should connect once a week before Groundswell meeting.

1. **Guns:** [Michael James Barton](#), Gayle Trotter, Rick Manning
2. **Messaging:** [Dan Bongino](#), Cherylyn Harley LeBon, Alex Cortes, Anita MonCrief
3. **Groundgame:** [Peter List](#)
4. **Getting on Offense:** [Anita MonCrief](#)
5. **Alternative to Rove:** [Sandy Rios](#)
6. **National Security lane** - [Frank Gaffney](#)
7. **Energy and Environment lane** – [Myron Ebell](#)
8. **UN lane** - [Austin Ruse](#)

9. **Shadow Govt teams:** Tom Fitton, Mike Farris, Heritage?
10. **Benghazi** – Boykin, Thomas, Fitton
11. **Others needed:** Immigration,

PENDING ACTIONS

- Inventory assets and strategic needs of Groundswell representation

Host conference call with Council of Elders to discuss g

Regards,
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